THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : விவசாய இலாகாவிலுள்ள ட்ராக்டர்களையும் ஓட்டிப் பழகவேண்டுமென்பதற்காக பிரத்யேகமான பயிற்சிக்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுகிறது.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether any centre has been allotted to Malabar for the purpose of giving training to the Malayalees who wish to undergo it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI R. KRISHNASWAMY NAYUDU : ட்ராக்டர் ட்ரைவர்களாகவும், பம்பு செட் ட்ரைவர்களாகவும் பயிற்சி பெறுவதற்கு தகுதி என்ன இருக்க வேண்டுமென்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : சாதாரண ட்ரைவர்களாக இருந்தால் அவர்களை முக்கியமாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படுவார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு மேற்கொண்டு ட்ராக்டர்கள் முதலானவைகளை ஓட்டுவதற்கு பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்படும்.

Sale of Family Planning books in railway bookstalls

* 30 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government made representations to the Government of India to lift the ban on books on family planning being sold in the railway bookstalls?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : The Hon. Minister with a passion for family planning has been recently stating that he is going to start a mass campaign while the Government of India have issued a ban on the sale of books on family planning in railway bookstalls. Will the Hon. Minister see that the Government of India lifted the ban on the sale of literature on family planning in railway bookstalls which are very popular Otherwise, the Government will be speaking with two voices. .

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : This Government have no information that any such ban has been put on the sale of books on family planning in railway bookstalls. Probably, there may be a ban on books of an obscene character on sex matters. Anyway, I may tell the hon. Member that the Government of India are very much interested in educating the people about family planning and they have allotted a large sum of Rs. 4 crores for family planning work during the Second Five-Year Plan period. I may also add that the Madras Government are bringing out a Manual on Family Planning to educate the people about the need for family planning and also about the methods of family planning.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, I have personal experience in this matter. I have approached these stalls for clean, scientific books on family planning and *not* for books on pornography. The poor bookstall-keepers have told me that there was a ban on the sale of books on family planning and birth control in railway bookstalls. That is why I have put my question. If the Hon. Minister has no information on this matter, yet, my question must

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have served as information to him. Therefore, may I request that the sum of Rs. 4 crores set apart by the Government of India may be spent wisely at least by permitting the sale of this innocuous literature on family planning in railway bookstalls and by lifting the ban that they have now imposed on its sale?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : Sir, I am not sure that there is any such ban. Yesterday, I enquired from a bookstall-keeper who sells book in the railway book-stall and I was told that there was no such ban.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is it a fact that young and unmarried women are being chosen to carry on propaganda on family planning in village parts? If so, is it having any effect on the elderly women in the rural parts?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : I do not know wherefrom the hon. Member has got the information. (Laughter.) He seems to be very well informed about many matters relating to young as well as old women. (Renewed laughter.)

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know when the proposed Manual will be published?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : Very shortly, Sir.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to state whether it is a fact that widows are the proper persons for propagating this family planning in the rural parts?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : I am not aware of any such competence on the part of widows. My hon. Friend may enlighten me.

Purchase of a palace at Ootacamund

* 31 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to purchase any palace at Ootacamund;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the estimated cost of the same?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The Government have under their consideration the question of purchasing the Arranmore Palace at Ootacamund belonging to the Maharaja of Jodhpur.

(*b*) The idea is to purchase the palace and use its main hall for holding meetings of the Legislative Assembly during the summer session and the remaining portions of the palace for housing visiting Ministers, Senior Officers of the Government and Members of Legislature.

(*c*) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General and Buildings), in the matter.